

stress of modern conditions. Amusements satisfy an impulse for change which gives joy to life and lightens the weight of advancing years. We owe to domestic servants the comfort and orderliness of our houses.

No shiftings of wealth that are confined to the members of a community can lessen the community's total wealth; however disadvantageous they may be from the moral or philanthropic standpoint. The extravagance of the rich in the end provides honest folk with food and lodging; however unworthy be the hands to which the money is first scattered. Expenditure upon armaments is frequently deplored as a waste of national resources; but it passes on the wealth current and provides subsistence for thousands of men as effectively as expenditure upon school-houses or motor-cars. The enormous cost of the Panama Canal is no net loss to the United States: the outlay has in the main passed through American hands, and is so far merely a transfer of wealth from the body of tax-payers to some of its members.

The wealth-stream flows past everyone's door. Some receive profuse supplies from it; others may scarcely enjoy a few drops. Industry may help itself from the stream, but only by pannikins: the plodding workman, the careful seamstress, seldom earn more than a bare subsistence. If we

desire a more liberal measure we must obtain it by influencing others—by inducing them, so to speak, to lower a bucket and draw for us—if we, in return, will satisfy an impulse which they cannot conveniently satisfy themselves. So we draw for shop-keepers in return for comforts and